



# FOREST HEALTH PROTECTION STAFF

## What We Do



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**F**orest Health Protection (FHP) staff works to protect America's forest and tree resources from damaging outbreaks of forest insects, pathogens, and invasive plants. FHP does this by providing Federal, State, and private land managers survey and monitoring information, and technical and financial assistance to prevent, suppress, and control such outbreaks. FHP also helps to maintain, enhance, and restore healthy forest conditions.

Working together with our Federal, Tribal, State and private partners, we are committed to finding innovative ways to avoid and rapidly respond to forest health threats. To move towards our vision of improving forest health, we will identify damaged ecosystems, prevent and suppress damaging agents, and restore degraded ecosystems.



### KEY MESSAGE and ACTIVITIES

Poor forest health conditions exist in many of America's forests. Such forests are not resilient to stresses and are highly susceptible to drought, insect and disease epidemics, invasion by exotics, and catastrophic wildfires.

- ❖ FHP will conduct surveying and monitoring assessments of status changes and trends in forest ecosystem health.
- ❖ FHP will implement measures to prevent, suppress, and control unwanted insects, pathogens, and plants.
- ❖ FHP will provide technical and financial assistance to help restore damaged ecosystems.
- ❖ FHP will work with APHIS and other interested parties to help keep out, rapidly detect, and eradicate new introductions of invasive insects and pathogens.
- ❖ FHP will provide technical and financial assistance for treatment of invasive plants on State and private lands.

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